help me – but we think a testimonial from you would be most valuable.

With kind regards

Yours very Sincerely,

M. Gwendolen Marsh

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South Otterington Rectory,
Northallerton.

Sept: 2nd 1916.

Dear Mr President,

I ought to have written to you sooner but Dr Brodie's sudden death was such a shock & grief to us all that I have not been able to think out my future plans before.

I told Mrs Brodie that I felt I had lost the best friend I ever

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had – she said she was sure I had – she knew he intended to do a great deal for me – his help was going to make my career as it had that of others. It is hard to understand why such a noble life should be taken in the midst of such splendid work –

I was in town till a couple of days ago, giving poor Mrs. Brodie what little help I could – She advised me to write to you though we both think there is little chance of the University requiring me next session. Will you let me know?

I would be very grateful if you would write me a testimonial as I should like to get another post as secretary assistant to a Scientist – Mrs. Brodie will do what she can to

September 16th, 1916

Miss M. Gwendolyn Marsh,

South Otterington Rectory,

Northallerton, England.

Dear Miss Marsh:

I have just received your letter and am sending you a testimonial though of course the only value of it will be that I can say that Dr. Brodie had spoken to me on several occasions about his high appreciation of the service that you were rendering him.

We are all very much grieved over the death of Dr. Brodie and at the loss which has been sustained by the University and the world of medical science. As you say it is hard to understand why a man who was doing such good work should be taken when the work was not more than half finished. However, we must believe that wisdom is guiding the world and even the individual. I am particularly sorry for Mrs. Brodie.

Professor Macallum and I had talked over the matter of your returning to the University and you will probably have received from him before this a letter stating that inasmuch as the work that you were doing for Professor Brodie was under his personal supervision that we both thought that probably there would be little opportunity for your services in connection with the Department during this winter. No head will be appointed and the work will be conducted by a temporary lecturer, Dr. Mottram, who will be under the general supervision of Dr. Macallum: nor is there any other place in the University that we

could offer you at present. I hope that you will, however, soon be able to get something to do that will be congenial to yourself.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Miss M. Gwendolyn Marsh has asked me for a testimonial as she is endeavouring to secure a post as Secretary-Assistant to a scientist. I have much pleasure in giving Miss Marsh a letter though I cannot speak from personal knowledge as to her attainments and abilities.

Miss Marsh was Secretary to the late Dr. T. G. Brodie, F.R.S., Professor of Physiology in the University of Toronto. Dr. Brodie was one of the most distinguished physiologists of the English-speaking world. He had peculiar capacity for organising his laboratory and for doing experimental work, which is widely known to the scientific world. His loss to the University is an extremely serious one. I know that Professor Brodie had a high opinion of the work that Miss Marsh did for him. He often spoke to me last winter of his satisfaction in having such a secretary with him. He took her to England last summer to help him in connection with researches that he was conducting in regard to gunshot wounds. He expected her to return with him in order to undertake work at the University in the coming session. His sudden death, however, has put an end to all this work and the University is unable to offer Miss Marsh anything else at present. I shall be happy, however, to know that Miss Marsh has secured some other position and shall be glad if anything I can say for her shall have helped her to this end.

President of the University of